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**UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE
-PATENT-**

Applicant(s): Tetsuo YUKIMASA, et al.

Docket No.: 29288.4700

Assignee: Matsushita Electric Industrial Co., Ltd.

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Examiner John Teresinski

TITLE: EXTRACELLULAR RECORDING INTEGRATED COMPOSITE ELECTRODE

**COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE
UNDER M.P.E.P. §1302.14**

Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Honorable Commissioner:

Please consider the following Comments regarding Applicant's priority claims prior to payment of the issue fee. No petition or fee is required for this submission.

REMARKS

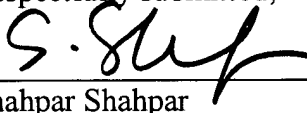
Applicant has reviewed the Notice of Allowance including the Examiner's indication that only some of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received by the Office. Applicant provides these Comments in order to clarify the written record before payment of the issue fee.

Applicant claims domestic priority to PCT/JP01/06067 (filed July 12, 2001) and foreign priority to JAPAN 2000-213531 (filed July 13, 2001). The Examiner indicated in the Notice of Allowance (dated September 24, 2004) that certified copies of JAPAN 2000-213531 (filed July 13, 2001) had not been received by the Office. Based on Applicant's representative's discussion with Examiner John Teresinski via telephone on December 16, 2004, the certified copies of JAPAN 2000-213531 (filed July 13, 2001) have now been received by the Office. Applicant pays the issue fee with this assumption, so that Applicant will not be prejudiced in any way in connection with its claims for priority.

All pending claims (claims 1-3 and 5-10 (1 independent claim and 9 total claims)) are allowed in the application. Applicant invites the Office to telephone the undersigned if he or she has any questions whatsoever regarding this Amendment or the present application in general.

Dated: 12-17-04

Respectfully submitted,



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